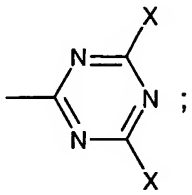
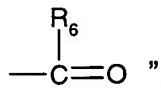
Claim 12 has been amended by replacement. Another version of the amended claim, showing the changes relative to the previous version, is appended. Additions are shown by underlining. Deletions are shown by strikethrough rather than bracketing since the claims may contain bracketing that is to remain.

In claim 12 the definition of "Hal" as halogen was inadvertently omitted. Support for this self-evident definition is found in the definition of R_3 as a radical of the formula (1a)  ;

(page 1, 1 line from the bottom), wherein X is halogen (page 2, line 6). Hence no new matter has been added.

Additionally, since the definitions of both R_4 and R_5 include "a radical of the formula (1b)  ", the phrase "; or R_4 and R_5 denote a radical of formula (1b)" was deleted from claim 12 and omitted from claim 13 as surplusage.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in better form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited.

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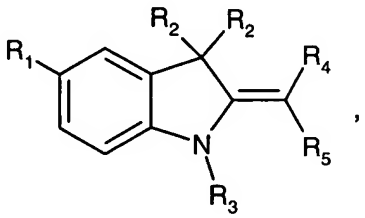
Marked-up Version of Amended Claim

12. (amended) A compound of the formula

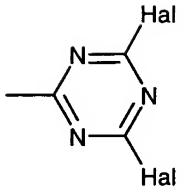
(12) 

,

wherein

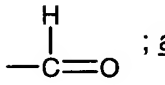
R_1 is hydrogen; C_1-C_5alkyl; C_1-C_5alkoxy; or halogen;

R_2 is C_1-C_5alkyl; C_5-C_7cycloalkyl; C_6-C_{10}aryl;

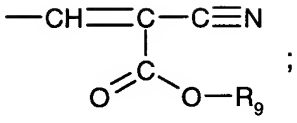
R_3 is C_1-C_5alkyl or a radical of the formula (1a) 

; in which

Hal is halogen;

R_4 is hydrogen; or a radical of the formula (1b) 

; and

R_5 is C_5-C_{18}alkoxy; a radical of formula (1b); or a radical of formula (1d) 

;

in which

R_9 is C_1-C_{18}alkyl~~; or~~

~~R_4 and R_5 denote a radical of formula (1b)~~.